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The amendment filed on 12/13/04 is a non-responsive amendment because claims 71 and 93 were amended and there is no marked-up copy of the amended limitation in the claims and the status identifier of the claims is incorrect. Please provide a marked-up copy of the claims with the correct status identifier. The applicants did not address the claim objection regarding the incorrect status identifier for claims 71 and 93 in the previous office action mailed on 9/10/04.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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